

SoSS Green Impact

How to make a difference

Reduce, Recycle & Re-use

- ✓ Use recycling stations – clearly labelled for general, cardboard and cans. Glass recycling bins are located at the back of Humanities Bridgford Street and the Stopford Building.
- ✓ Try [furniture4reuse](#) & IT reuse centre before ordering new furniture or IT equipment.
- ✓ Make use of the university's [zero waste shop](#) for refill product options and recycle flexible packaging through their terracycle scheme.
- ✓ Reuse paper where possible (remaining aware of anything confidential that needs disposing of in confidential waste bins).
- ✓ Use [food waste caddies](#) available in all SoSS kitchens
- ✓ When ordering food for events consider ordering food vouchers from catering instead. These can be used at food outlets across the university and offer an alternative to cut down on food waste.
- ✓ If you have leftover food from events, please encourage attendees to use the takeaway boxes provided by catering or consider using the Community Fridge based in the first floor of the Students Union in the Hive. Food for the Community Fridge must have the allergen labels attached and not have been out for longer than 90 minutes.
- ✓ Please donate or make use of the new community cupboard for staff and students in G.008 Student Common Room, Arthur Lewis Building.



Sustainable Travel

- ✓ Use [Key Travel](#) (University Travel Management system) to book all travel where possible.
- ✓ Default use of public transport when travelling in UK (other options to be decided at local level).
- ✓ Travel by train within Europe where there is a [Euro Star link](#) (extra top up funds may be available for added cost of this and funding requests should be made by email to: soss.socialresponsibility@manchester.ac.uk).
- ✓ Use video conferencing: MS Teams or Zoom
- ✓ Consider [environmentally sustainable methods of travel](#) such as car-sharing, public transport or [cycling](#), where possible, to travel to and from work.



- ✓ Electric vehicle charging points are available at some university [car parks](#).
- ✓ Please use the [UoM Sustainable Travel Policy decision tree](#) when planning travel.

Drinks



- ✓ Use a reusable cup for your hot beverages.
- ✓ Use a reusable water bottle and refill at one of the many refillable water stations – scan the QR code on the left for locations.

Printing



- ✓ Think before you print. Only print from emails and electronic documents if absolutely necessary.

Switch It Off!



- ✓ Turn off unnecessary electronics at the plug! Don't leave these on at night and the weekend.
- ✓ Turn the heating down where possible and turn it off when not needed.
- ✓ Avoid the use of fans.

Ditch the Lift!



- ✓ Use the stairs where possible: save energy and provide a boost to your health.

Be Water Aware!



- ✓ Report dripping taps to your departmental administrator log the problem on the estates helpdesk
- ✓ Close taps – avoid letting water run for too long.



Get in touch

- ✓ Contact: so.ssocialresponsibility@manchester.ac.uk